

14-474 Office of Workforce Development

The mission of the Office of Workforce Development is to work to lower the unemployment rate in Louisiana by working with employers, employees, and government agencies to provide the training, assistance, and regulatory services that develop a diversely skilled work force with access to good-paying jobs. The Office of Workforce Development is committed to having the Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) employees work together to provide high quality, integrated services in a professional and timely manner to accomplish this mission.

The goals of the Office of Workforce Development are:

1. Have training and educational programs and initiatives operating under the Louisiana Department of Labor provide high quality training and education that is relevant to the current needs of Louisiana employers.
2. Fund source initiatives so that the citizens of Louisiana will be best served by programs that are flexible enough to adapt to changing labor and employer needs in the work place. Moving, where possible from funding streams to funding pools in order to use resources most effectively to further the mission of the LDOL and it services to the citizens of Louisiana.
3. Foster employer involvement by having both employers and employees involved in need determination and service direction, so that programs and procedures will serve the current needs of those directly affected.
4. Improve the efficiency of operations by integrating services, wherever possible, with other divisions and agencies and installing a continuous process that evaluates and removes service duplication wherever possible.
5. To improve the effectiveness of the programs and services of the LDOL through increased public awareness and acceptance of programs and services which increases public awareness, improves the image, and establishes the LDOL as the information source for employment issues. It is also the goal of this agency to increase relations with the Louisiana and federal legislatures, and other government bodies.
6. To use technology in an appropriate manner by adequately trained personnel to accomplish the mission of the LDOL by upgrading the technology and training available to ensure services are delivered in the most cost-effective manner.

The Office of Workforce Development has seven programs: Administration, Management and Finance, Occupational Information System, Job Training and Placement, Unemployment Benefits, Community Based Services, and Worker Protection.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1999- 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$3,671,234	\$4,970,781	\$8,952,292	\$4,275,112	\$2,744,476	(\$6,207,816)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	701,176	1,192,054	1,192,054	1,192,054	1,192,054	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	2,211,991	1,797,590	1,797,590	0	0	(1,797,590)
Statutory Dedications	4,239,909	55,000,000	65,765,996	56,749,896	57,217,111	(8,548,885)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	128,291,163	160,297,797	199,394,661	161,419,776	161,274,230	(38,120,431)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$139,115,473	\$223,258,222	\$277,102,593	\$223,636,838	\$222,427,871	(\$54,674,722)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration Program	\$3,225,725	\$2,568,381	\$2,568,381	\$2,554,796	\$2,691,608	\$123,227
Management and Finance Program	6,418,134	8,060,033	8,060,033	8,328,289	9,662,947	1,602,914
Occupational Information System Program	10,083,070	8,513,814	9,807,416	9,130,458	10,011,878	204,462
Job Training and Placement Programs	91,664,628	175,562,900	226,613,669	175,058,505	174,489,142	(52,124,527)
Unemployment Benefits Program	15,419,554	15,472,503	15,472,503	15,335,798	13,012,393	(2,460,110)
Community Based Services	11,275,875	11,724,504	13,224,504	11,863,964	11,450,575	(1,773,929)
Worker Protection Program	1,028,487	1,356,087	1,356,087	1,365,028	1,109,328	(246,759)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$139,115,473	\$223,258,222	\$277,102,593	\$223,636,838	\$222,427,871	(\$54,674,722)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	1,074	1,057	1,057	1,057	995	(62)
Unclassified	10	8	8	8	8	0
TOTAL	1,084	1,065	1,065	1,065	1,003	(62)

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund by:	
Federal Funds	\$2,255,938
Total	\$2,255,938